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"(b) The number of works abandoned and the expenditure incurred on them are as follows:—

Year	Number of works abandoned.	Amount of expenditure written off.
(1)	(2)	(3)
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1949–50 ..	46	13,737
1950–51 ..	50	40,793
1951–52 ..	34 (excluding figures relating to Kurnool which have not been received yet).	21,958

"(c) The well-sites under the Rural Water-supply Scheme are inspected by the Tahsildars, Revenue Divisional Officers and Collectors and the technical staff like the Minor Irrigation Overseers and Supervisors. Sites are selected in the first instance after a joint inspection by the Minor Irrigation Overseer and Health Inspector.

"(d) The answer is in the negative."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY:—"May I know if the district boards have offered to take over the investigation and execution of rural water-supply schemes?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"I am not aware of it."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY:—"Sir, in view of the fact that, in spite of all these efforts, no water is found in the wells, I should like to know from the Hon. Minister for Public Health whether an examination has been made by the Government to ascertain whether the quantity of the water found in the wells is commensurate with the expenditure incurred on them?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"Yes, Sir, I have given information about the number of wells which were a failure and which have been abandoned and I have mentioned the number of the other wells which yield water and have been successful."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR:—"Will the Government be pleased to consider the transfer of the execution of these works to the District Boards?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"If the hon. Member makes out a case, we shall consider it, Sir."

Schemes undertaken for relieving water scarcity in the City of Madras.

* 42 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) what schemes have been put into execution to meet the water scarcity in Madras City;

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(*b*) what the expenditure involved in the schemes is and what the financial aid given by the Government to the Madras City Corporation is;

(*c*) what the projects under consideration for the solution of the water-supply problem of Madras City, on a permanent basis are; and

(*d*) whether the Government or the Corporation have examined the possibility of tapping the sub-soil water in the Palar River basin, as a source of water-supply to Madras City, and if so, what the conclusions are?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] showing a list of schemes sanctioned by Government is placed on the Table of the House.

" (*c*) & (*d*) A preliminary survey has been made. A list [a] of schemes is laid on the Table of the House.

" The Palar Scheme has not yet been fully investigated. The matter is under consideration of the Government with particular reference to possible litigation."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" May I know, Sir, what is the litigation apprehended in respect of the Palar Scheme?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" It may affect the irrigation rights of numerous peasant proprietors and therefore litigation may arise."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" Are the Government contemplating to wait till an emergency arises as the one we had recently in the City and may I ask whether the Government will make a serious effort? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" The Chief Engineer is making a survey of all the available sources of water-supply for the City of Madras; and, it will be considered by the Government as soon as the report is received."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" In view of the fact that the Krishna-Pennar Project has raised so many complications, will the Government specially direct their attention to the supply of sub-soil water from the Palar river? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" Yes, Sir, that is one of the schemes which he is investigating."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR:—" What are the rights to the sub-soil water that will be infringed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" The hon. Member is a lawyer and I think he should know it better."

SRI C. RAJESWARA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, what are the schemes which the Hon. Minister intends to consider for the supply of water to the Madras City? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is mentioned in the Statement laid on the Table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" With reference to the list of schemes under consideration as furnished in the answer, may I know, Sir, if it would not be possible to consider the question of sinking wells in the bed of the Courteliar river as a permanent measure as it is only 16 miles from Madras instead of the Palar scheme which is 36 miles away? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is a matter for technical advice from the engineers."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Do the Government hope, Sir, that some scheme or other would be brought into fruition? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As early as possible, Sir."

Government Headquarters Hospital, Amalapuram.

* 43 *Q.*—SRI K. SURYANARAYANA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal for the construction of new buildings for or for the extension of the present buildings of the Government Headquarters Hospital at Amalapuram; and

(*b*) if so, the allotment provided for in the Budget for 1952-53?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A scheme of improvements and extensions to the Government Hospital, Amalapuram, and the expansion of the hospital compound is under consideration."

SRI K. SURYANARAYANA :—" May I know, Sir, if the Government have provided funds in the present Budget? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is proposed to consider it as Part II Scheme for the year 1952-53."

Opening of more medical institutions in the northern districts of the State.

* 44 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to open more medical colleges and schools in the northern districts of the State; and

(*b*) if so, where and when.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative."